

I am extremely upset to hear about the broadcasting decision made by Sinclair to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary only days before the election. To me this represents an example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is particularly troublesome since the program seems obviously intended to sway the voting population towards our current administration. It would appear to be a breach of FCC rules.

Sinclair uses the public airways free of charge and in doing so is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Large companies are beginning to control the airwaves with the result that the public is not receiving information pertinent and critical to them. Instead, what the public receives more often is what's good for the bottom line of those parent owner corporations. Surely this must not be the intent of the FCC and must not be allowed to continue.

It's crucial that the public see more substantive news produced within and by our own communities rather than the packaged "news" produced by large parent corporations who have their own agenda.

The actions by Sinclair clearly show why we should be reinforcing and strengthening media ownership rules rather than undermining them. The licensing renewal process is far too important to merely involve simply returning a postcard.
Thank you.